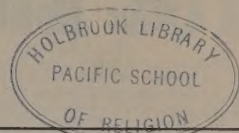


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Annual Meeting, State Conference San Mateo, October 22-24

The ninety-second annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference convenes at the Congregational Church of San Mateo, October 22 to 24. Outstanding messages will be brought by Dr. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice-president of the Board of Home Missions; Dr. Ronald Bridges of the Pacific School of Religion, reporting on the Amsterdam World Council meeting; and Superintendent Harley H. Gill, announcing plans for our Congregational Centennial celebration.

Superintendent Nelson C. Dreier of the Southwest will be reporting on his tour of Congregational reconstruction work in Europe. Rev. Galen R. Weaver of our national staff will lead the Social Action program. Dr. Vere V. Loper has been asked to give the Friday evening address, presenting the work of the American Board. Rev. Robert W. Inglis will give the Conference sermon on Sunday morning. Rev. Richard C. Norberg will be the Conference chaplain.

A special feature being planned is a series of workshops for lay men and women on Sunday afternoon for practical training in various phases of leadership in church work. The Sunday afternoon session will also include young people, who will be gathering for a West Bay Pilgrim Fellowship rally. Conference seminars will be built around "The Call to Our Congregational Christian Fellowship," a significant document issued by our national Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life.

The tentative program for the Conference, subject to change, is as follows: (We print this now because the October "Pacific" will not be out until a few days before the annual meeting.)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 1:00—Registration and exhibits.
- 1:45—Organ recital.
- 2:00—Call to order of annual meetings of 3 Societies.
Hymn 391, "The Church's One Foundation"
Constituting Prayer, by Moderator
Words of Welcome and Introductions
Scribes, Committees
- 2:15—Address: Dr. Truman Douglass
- 2:45—Worship: Rev. Richard C. Norberg
- 3:00—Cavalcade: Sidney H. Buckham and William W. Meyer
- 5:00—Association meetings
- 6:00—Dinner—Speaker: Dr. Nelson C. Dreier
- 7:45—Worship: Rev. Richard D. Norberg
- 8:15—Dr. Vere V. Loper on Missions and movie, "Beyond Our Own"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 9:00—Dr. Truman Douglass
- 9:45—Business
- 10:15—Address: Superintendent Harley H. Gill on The Centennial
- 10:45—Worship
- 11:00—SEMINARS—Theme: "The Call"

THEOLOGY—

(Resource Leaders)
Dr. Truman B. Douglass
Prof. Hugh Vernon White

(Chairmen)
Rev. Gordon L. Foster

STEWARDSHIP—

Rev. Ralph V. Conrad
Mrs. James H. Price
Rev. Harley H. Gill

Rev. Clayton H. Gill

EDUCATION—

Prof. Ralph D. Hyslop
Rev. William W. Meyer
Dr. Galen R. Weaver
Prof. Buell G. Gallagher

Rev. H. Weldon Batty

RACE RELATIONS—

Rev. Herbert C. Gans
Rev. Nelson C. Dreier
Rev. Sidney H. Buckham

Rev. Stephen C. Peabody

OUTREACH OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

Rev. Herbert Dimock

- 12:30—Men's Luncheon—Prof. Harry Rathbun, Speaker
- Women's Luncheon

- 3:00—Business
- 4:00—Seminars (Continued)
- 5:00—Board Meeting
- 6:00—Dinner—Dr. Ronald Bridges on Amsterdam
- 7:30—Pageant on Past Century and The Next
- 8:30—Communion Service

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 9:30—"The Call"—Reading of original "Call"—(pp 18-19)
and summary of sectional findings
- 11:00—Worship Service—Rev. Benton S. Gaskell
Sermon—Rev. Robert W. Inglis
(Afternoon program will be announced later.)

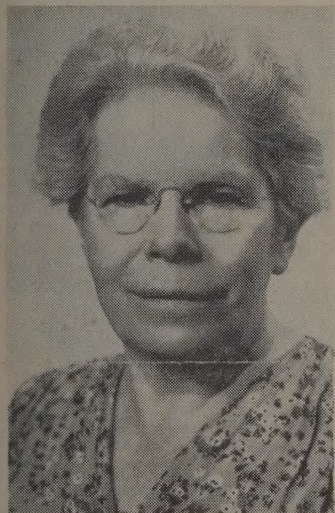
October 3—Federated Church,
Alturas.

Dinner will be served in conjunction with each of these rallies, and publicity will be sent out to all of the churches of each district by the Christian World Mission chairman of each area. The district chairmen are: Fresno area, Clayton H. Gill; Stockton, C. R. Van Buskirk; Sacramento, Torrance Phelps; Petaluma, Herbert C. Gans; San Francisco, James H. Woodruff; East Bay, Eugene V. Haynes; Upper Bay, Donald F. Gaylord; Peninsula, Benton Gaskell; Eureka, James Senter; Weaver-ville, William Keeney; Alturas, William M. Case.

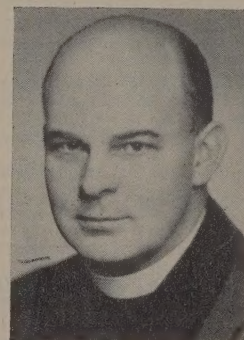
WANTED

The donation of an adding machine for the office at Congregational Cazadero. Write to William W. Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4.

A secretary who can take dictation and type, also handle a mimeograph machine, at the Conference office in San Francisco. (Congregationalist preferred). Write to Sidney H. Buckham, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco 2.



Miss Helen Kenyon, Moderator,
General Council of Congregational
Christian Churches.



Dr. Truman B. Douglass, Executive
Vice-President, Board of
Home Missions.

Report On Summer Camps

Congregational Cazadero ends its 1948 season, topping last year's total attendance by about fifty. The three Family Camps in midsummer kept up the high tradition of family vacation combined with inspiring programs. Youth conferences, ranging from Junior High to Young Adults, have been on a high level, sending back hundreds of young people ready for more effective service in their own churches.

The Young Adult Conference over the Labor Day weekend was not in the original schedule published, but was held in response to popular demand. The program combined some work projects and recreation with church service and discussion meetings on Sunday.

NEW CABINS NEARING COMPLETION

The Mary Miner Memorial Cabin and the Reynolds-Ensign Memorial Cabin were ready for use by the boys of State Pilgrim Fellowship Camp at the end of August, although some of the finish work remains to be done after the close of the camp season. The two cabins, both made possible through gifts received in May of this year, were built during the summer largely by volunteer labor under the supervision of the camp manager, Mr. Cecil R. Lawrence, and the Rev. Harry Martynse of Loomis, who came with his sons for a week of volunteer work.

FRUIT DONATED

One thing that helped our camp to finish the season in the black, in spite of rapidly rising food costs, was the donations of fruit which have been received, including a shipment of dried figs from Mr. Ward Minturn of Fresno, apricots and apricot jam from Mrs. Robert Hughes of Modesto, a gift of canned peaches from the San Mateo church, and a batch of canned apricots from several West Bay youth groups under the guidance of Mrs. Charles Bielar. Congregational Cazadero will welcome further contributions, in large or small amounts, of jam, jelly or canned fruit to help keep down the prices of our summer camps.

Our Christian World Mission Rallies Schedule Of Dates And Places

We are fortunate to have Miss Helen Kenyon, Moderator of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, as headline speaker at several of Our Christian World Mission rallies this month. Miss Florence Malcolm of Chileso, West Africa, who was so well liked at our Association meetings last spring, will be the headliner of the last three rallies of the series.

Our Christian World Mission district rallies were planned in May, and the programs will be devoted to the promotion of the advance in apportionment giving in all the local Congregational churches of Northern California for 1949 and 1950. These meetings will be inspirational and educational, and it is hoped that representatives from every church in each district will be present. In addition to our national leaders there will be two speakers from the State Conference at each rally. Here is the schedule as The Pacific goes to press:

- September 15—Fresno.
- September 16—First Church, Stockton (4:30 p.m.).
- September 17—Pioneer Church, Sacramento.
- September 19—First Church Petaluma (3:30 p.m.).
- September 20—First Church, San Francisco.
- September 21—Plymouth Church, Oakland (4:30 p.m.).
- September 22—First Church, Martinez (6:50 p.m.).
- September 23—San Mateo Congregational Church (4:30 p.m.).
- September 29—First Church, Eureka.
- October 1—Trinity Church, Weaverville.

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HEAR, HEAR, BRETHREN!

Maybe you are irked by mundane matters, but we beg you to look over the totals at the bottom of the first two columns below. You see that we are almost exactly \$2000 short of our apportionment giving for August 31, 1947. Is that good?

Now let your eye pick out the comparative figures opposite your local church. If you are above or equal to the amount that you contributed in 1947, congratulations and thanks. If your church is running behind, please send us a check today. We have a great work to do for the Kingdom, and we need the consecrated cooperation of every church.

	App't Jan. 11 to Aug. 31, 1947	App't Jan. 11 to Aug. 31, 1948	C.W.V.R. 1948
Alameda	\$1019.06	\$ 874.94	\$ 228.63
Adin	113.71	142.07	19.00
Alturas	190.00	100.00	74.90
Angel	81.29	134.98	20.00
Anioch	166.45	188.75	68.75
Auburn	105.00	52.00	
Benicia	55.64	61.94	73.53
Berkeley, Arlington	3.22		
" Chinese	5718.49	6033.16	3576.47
" First	518.05	619.75	337.05
" North	454.73		
" Northbrae	356.45	307.53	195.81
" South Community	278.00	365.36	30.00
Campbell	67.50	44.75	
Cedarville	49.08	128.10	
Cloverdale	77.50	50.25	25.00
Cotati	82.80		
Crockett		.66	
Dinuba	28.13	14.25	14.25
Elk Grove	35.38	17.64	62.43
Eureka	505.77	334.84	298.21
Fairfax	5.05	37.50	40.00
Ferndale	230.90	197.41	244.36
Fresno, First	715.00	750.00	923.25
" Japanese	25.00	25.00	85.00
" Pilgrim	20.13	500.00	
" Zion	42.46	41.14	
Glen Ellen	65.00	50.00	8.00
Guerneville	27.12	25.00	62.75
Hayward	150.00		320.00
Kenwood	17.31	25.63	10.00
Likely	15.00		
Loati, Ebenezer	41.80		114.00
" First	2525.98	1952.00	286.01
Loleta		7.00	
Loomis	100.00	200.00	2.50
Martinez	379.60	733.86	324.57
Murphys	122.68	100.00	25.00
Niles	50.00	50.00	23.65
Oakland, First	4512.97	3520.00	1126.99
" Fruitvale	15.00	72.40	
" Japanese	30.00	80.00	24.24
" New Pilgrim	70.74	76.00	76.00
" Plymouth	892.99	1025.92	733.55
Orinda	455.90	461.35	230.57
Oroville	532.57	463.10	223.83
Pacific Grove	119.10	175.00	
Palo Alto	1630.29	934.00	1075.25
Paradise	347.00	450.00	89.71
Parlier	10.00	20.00	
Penngrove	48.28	34.13	
Pescadero	45.00	10.00	
Petaluma	600.00	410.00	185.00
Pittsburg	152.91	198.82	55.15
Port Chicago	25.00	103.04	5.40
Porterville	565.80	800.00	400.00
Redwood City	1070.81	423.56	227.73
Reedley	15.00	15.00	
Rio Vista	85.00	50.00	
Ripon	173.69	187.02	20.82
Sacramento, Pioneer	1057.50	690.00	1800.00
" Sierra Arden	113.00	51.48	1.00
Salida	52.00	60.10	
San Carlos	320.00	450.00	177.50
San Francisco			
" Bethany Mission Park	115.52	175.75	52.00
" Calvary	30.00		
" First	446.89	279.65	15.37
" Ocean View	75.00	50.00	49.00
" Park Presidio	190.91	245.90	
Sanger	11.04		71.71
San Jose	735.00	767.00	420.00
San Leandro	97.93	82.67	75.00
San Mateo	330.00	875.00	1822.67
San Rafael	66.00	10.00	
Santa Cruz	560.00	264.00	150.00
Santa Rosa	78.95	78.00	
Saratoga	205.55	378.91	129.53
Sebastopol	131.41	220.70	168.47
Sonoma	49.66	111.38	12.21
Souquel	121.57	158.10	
Stockton	670.42	540.85	349.33
Suisun	68.48	75.00	80.00
Sunnyvale	34.66	57.43	10.00
Tulare	440.28	114.40	
Weaverville	100.00	50.00	100.00
Woodside	11.50	11.50	51.69
Reno, Nevada	522.15	600.77	45.00
Miscellaneous and Individual	2567.86	1815.40	278.89
Totals	\$34,984.56	\$32,955.62	\$17,847.33

Rural Meetings

Shirley E. Greene, Agricultural Secretary of the Council for Social Action, will conduct a series of informal meetings on agricultural and labor problems in this Conference between September 12 and 26. These gatherings are under the auspices of the Northern California Committee for Social Action, of which Rev. Richard Norberg of Hayward is chairman. Church and civic leaders are invited to attend, and the sessions will be held in the following areas: Oroville, Delta region, Fresno, Tulare, Santa Clara, and Bay region.

MERGER APPROVED

"The General Council approved the Basis of Union with the Evangelical and Reform Church at 10:16 a.m. on Tuesday, June 22, in Oberlin, Ohio.

"There were 13 dissenting votes; no count was made of the affirmative votes but most of the Council's 1,000 voting members were on hand.

"This surprising degree of unanimity was achieved after much agony of spirit. It was made possible by the frame in which the crucial resolution was set. The simple statement, 'Be it further resolved, that the General Council approves the Basis of Union', was preceded by a number of 'interpretations' of the Basis of Union which Pres. Louis W. Goebel of the E&R Church characterized as 'self-evident' and which the Council resolution defined as 'the basis on which our future action shall be taken, these interpretations being in harmony with the spirit and purposes of the Basis of Union.' These interpretations are not a condition of union. Perhaps the most important, and also the most self-evident, of these interpretations is, 'synods, conferences, associations, and churches are to retain their present status until they are united by their own action and when mutually agreeable.'

The implementation of the Union is to be delayed until 75 per cent of the churches which have voted on the matter have registered approval or, failing this, the Council has been called into special session. The churches which have not voted and those which have voted 'no' will be given an opportunity to vote again in the light of the action taken at Oberlin. There is every indication that the present 65.5 per cent of approval will be increased to above 75 per cent by Jan. 1, 1949."

—Advance.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Congregational Centennial Committee of Northern California, with representatives from all of the churches in the Conference, is being lined up rapidly. The following members have consented to serve on this important committee:

Alameda, W. G. Paden; Angels Camp, Howard Nelson; Benicia, Enoch Crozer; Berkeley, Arlington, Miss Helen Wirt; Berkeley, First, Prof. W. C. Blasdale, Mrs. J. H. Price, Rev. Vere V. Loper; Berkeley, North, Mrs. Lewis W. Taylor; Berkeley, South Community, Mrs. Laura B. Clark, Mrs. C. R. Claiborne, Rev. Ernest W. Houlding; Cloverdale, Mrs. R. M. McClelland; Cotati, Mrs. J. A. Parker; Crockett, Mrs. W. A. Davis; Eureka, Mrs. May Pearsall; Fowler, Rev. Sarkis Papajian; Fresno, First, Dr. Irwin O. Addicott, Rev. John H. Gregg, Prof. Edward V. Tenney; Fresno, Free Cross, C. P. Christian; Fresno, Pilgrim, Mrs. Rose Googoolian, Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian; Fresno, Zion, A. K. Spomer;

Guerneville, Mrs. Annie Brown; Hayward, Ralph H. Anderson; Lodi, Ebenezer, Rev. Fred W. Gross; Lodi, First, C. R. Van Buskirk; Loomis, Francis Lindsay; Martinez, Nels F. Sanderson, Charles R. Dawson; Modesto, Mrs. Robert Hughes; Murphys, Mark Tremain; Niles, Mrs. J. C. Shinn; Oakland, First, Sanford Siegrist, Dr. Frederick W. Meyer, Charles T. Tinker, Miss Helen M. Perkins;

Oakland, Japanese, D. T. Uchida; Oakland, Plymouth, Harold T. Avery, Rev. Robert W. Inglis; Orinda, Lance Barden; Oroville, Harry D. Drobish; Pacific Grove, George H. Schuyler; Palo Alto, Rev. Augustine Jones, Mrs. L. K. Doty; Paradise, J. A. Ream; Parlier, Enoch Kashishian; Penngrove, Albert Brians; Petaluma, John A. Olmsted, Sr., Rev. Herbert C. Gans; Redwood City, Peirce Coombes, Wilbur H. Dorse; Rio Vista, James Hamilton, Jr.; Ripon, W. A. Stouffer; Sacramento, Pioneer, Fred Smith Mrs. David H. Gill; Salida, George W. Prickett; San Carlos, Mrs. Harrison Williams;

San Francisco, Grace United, Mrs. H. G. Dahler; San Francisco, Calvary, S. Medjian; San Francisco, First, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Charles M. Bufford, Stuart Gould, Lesley R. Jackson, M. J. Minkler; San Leandro, Mrs. J. H. McCartney; San Mateo, F. Paulsen, Albert J. Watson, John G. Neukom; San Rafael, John MacPhail; Saratoga, Mrs. J. T. Richards; Stockton, William Inglis, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Mrs. E. B. Kientz; Suisun, Henry Bird; Tulare, N. J. Nikkel; Weaverville, Kelso B. Young; (additional members) Dr. Ronald Bridges, Mrs. L. D. Rathbone, Mrs. J. E. Enman, Mrs. Ernest A. Evans, Dr. Galen M. Fisher.

LAYMEN TO MEET AT CAZADERO

A retreat for Congregational laymen will be held at Cazadero on the week-end of October 9 and 10. Herbert Hilker of San Mateo will preside at this meeting, and leaders will include Rev. John Charles Mickle of Berkeley, Sidney H. Buckham, William W. Meyer and some representative of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam. Reservations should be made at the Conference office in San Francisco.

News From Dr. And Mrs. Gill

Our superintendent, Dr. Harley H. Gill, is enjoying his well earned leave of absence, and letters from him to the Conference staff indicate the following itinerary by auto since the General Council meetings at Oberlin: June 25 to July 5 with his son, Sumner Gill, at Worcester, Mass.; July 6 to 16 at the summer cottage of Dr. Douglas Horton, Randolph, N. H.; August 19 to 31, Cape Cod, Boston, New York City, and Washington D.C.; September 1 to 7, Galveston, Texas; September 8 to about the middle of October, Mexico City. We all join in wishing Dr. and Mrs. Gill a most happy vacation, and we will look forward to seeing them again at the annual meeting of the Conference in San Mateo, October 22.

PALO ALTO LEADS OFF IN RACE RELATIONS

On May 16, the following resolution was adopted by the First Congregational Church of Palo Alto, with a "yes" vote of 46, and a "no" vote of 11. We believe that this is a very significant action, taken by one of the major churches in our Conference, and so we publish the statement as follows:

"That the First Congregational Church of Palo Alto in accordance with its understanding of the spirit and teachings of Jesus will seek to be an inclusive fellowship wherein the peoples of the various racial and class backgrounds can worship and experience Christian fellowship together. It asserts its conviction that to bar any person because of race, class, or religion from any job, school, housing area, hotel, restaurant, fountain, resort, or place of public recreation or entertainment or to refuse commercial, medical, dental, legal, or other service to any person because of race, class, or religion is to deny both the Christian faith and the democratic faith. Accordingly, this Church favors active cooperation with the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches, and other appropriate national, state, and local organizations in working for a non-segregated church in a non-segregated society and calls upon its individual members to conduct their private, professional, civic, and social activities as those who reject discrimination."

COMING EVENTS

September 24—Pilgrim Fellowship Presidential Banquet, Plymouth Church, Oakland.

September 26—3:30 p.m., Oakland Auditorium: Ecumenical Communication Service, sponsored by the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches, with Bishop Baker presiding.

October 9-10—Laymen's Retreat, Cazadero.

Oct. 17—Christian Vocations Conference for young people, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.

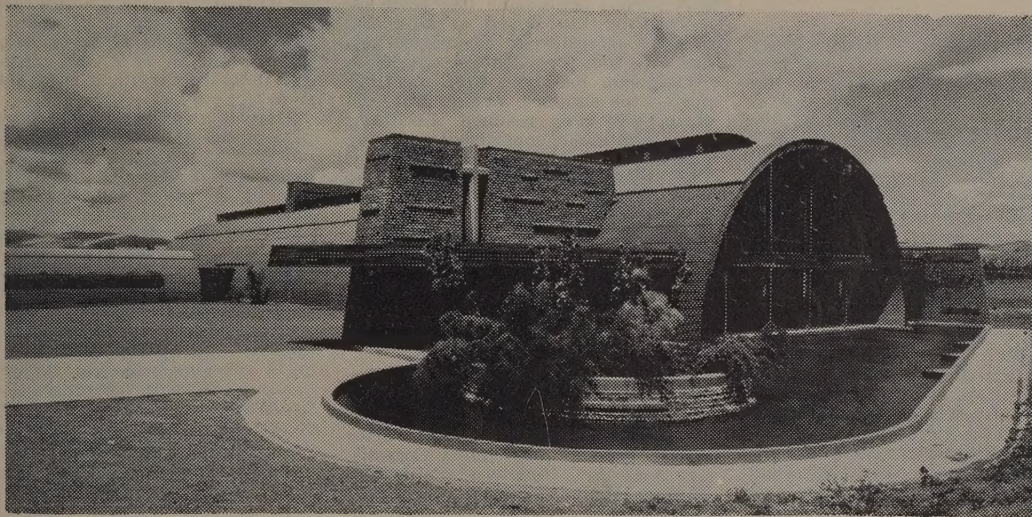
Oct. 22-24—State Conference, Congregational Church, San Mateo.

November 11-12—Foreign Missions Conference, Fresno.

Nov. 16-17—Foreign Missions Conference, San Francisco.

December 27-30—Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference, First Church, Berkeley.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB



The San Lorenzo Community Church, to be dedicated at special services in October. Formerly the chapel at Camp Parks, the building by heroic efforts was moved to its present location to house the expanding program of this church.

SAN LORENZO. Dedication of the magnificent building of the San Lorenzo church is scheduled for the near future. The pastor, Rev. Homer A. Schwarz, and the members of the church issue a cordial invitation to all within driving distance to attend the dedication services. Culminating a long struggle, with many setbacks and many weeks of slow, hard work, the new church building will be a real attraction in this still rapidly growing suburban community. Mr. Schwarz has himself worked on the completion of the building along with his men, who have been organized into labor battalions, while at the same time the regular program of the church has gone forward in the old building.

BERKELEY, FIRST. The new chapel looks nearly complete, with the stately brickwork matching the main church structure and the chancel stained glass window already in place.

BERKELEY, NORTH. The new Fellowship Center is going up rapidly, since the ground-breaking services, Sunday, June 30. The pastor, Rev. Eugene V. Haynes, accompanied the Pilgrim Fellowship delegates to the National Council, and has served as director of the State Pilgrim Fellowship Conference. Mrs. Haynes, injured in an accident on the trip east, is now nearly back to normal.

FRESNO, FREE CROSS. Rev. Carl Meier of the First German Church of Denver has become pastor of this church. We welcome him to our fellowship in Northern California.

REDWOOD CITY. This church has called Rev. Mr. Engle to become its pastor. Mr. Engle is a Presbyterian minister, and has been the assistant to the chaplain at Stanford University. We welcome him into our Conference.

SAN MATEO. Eva B. Maxwell, director of religious education in this church for the past year, has accepted a similar position at the "Church of the Crossroads" in Honolulu. Mrs. Maxwell and her son flew to Hawaii from Mills Field on September 3rd.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Three hundred attended a recent luncheon meeting of the Women's League to hear Mrs. Arthur Mauerhan speak on "Christianity is Catching." Seventeen joined the church on Youth Sunday. During Dr. Reidenbach's vacation the pulpit was supplied by Dr. Lynn T. White of San Anselmo. Dr. Frederick W. Hyslop of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and Rev. John J. Barbour of San Diego.

RENO, NEVADA. The former parsonage has finally become a parish house. Chairs and other equipment have recently been purchased to allow for expansion of the church school and to house the student work.

PORTERVILLE. The pastor, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, served as bus driver for the Vacation School in July. The church continues to make its fine building available for many community gatherings, three outside clubs having recently held installation services there.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. The community service program continued throughout the summer. A vacation Church School was held in July. Rev. J. C. Mickle was one of the leaders at the Missionary Education Movement Conference at Asilomar, as well as at one of the Cazadero camps.

SANTA CRUZ. The church has called Rev. Ed Cunningham, who has just completed a notable pastorate of four years at Pocatello, Idaho. Mr. Cunningham will begin his work at Santa Cruz on November first.

CEDARVILLE. A successful "work Sunday" was held, with men and women and the preacher, too, coming to the church in work clothes. Following a potluck dinner, the whole group turned to cleaning up the church property, inside and out, sawing wood, plowing under weeds, and hauling away ten pickup loads to the dump.

CLOVERDALE. Samuel A. Wright, Jr., who has recently come to Northern California to be a student at Pacific School of Religion, has served the church this summer since the departure of Mr. George W. Lindsay.

GLEN ELLEN. Mr. Samuel Bowman, who has been preaching in Glen Ellen for the past year, has been forced to give up his ministry there because of taking a position with the Western Pacific Railroad. Mr. Bowman has been very well liked at Glen Ellen, and the local people regret his leaving.

CROCKETT. Rev. C. Virgil Carlson resigned as minister of this church recently, after a successful pastorate of four years. Since the church is federated, the next minister will be chosen from the Presbyterian denomination.

SEBASTOPOL. In May, at the monthly fellowship dinner, a special offering of over \$100 was taken for CWVR, earmarked for the United Nations Crusade for Children. The Vacation Church School, which is held annually in cooperation with the Methodist Church, reported a very successful session with 100% increase over last year in enrollment, attendance, and offerings. The congregation recently decided on the purchase of a new electric organ for the church, with support of the members. On the first Sunday of the drive, in July, \$1200 in cash and pledges was placed on the collection plates, and within the week \$2500 was realized.

SACRAMENTO, OAK PARK. Theodore Dunlap, the minister of this new church, reports a very successful Vacation Bible School during the summer, with an enrollment of 81 pupils. Mr. Dunlap and some of his young people attended the State Pilgrim Fellowship Camp at Cazadero.

HAYWARD. Eden Church was honored this year to have Ralph Anderson chosen as one of the delegates from Northern California to the General Council meeting at Oberlin in June. Mr. Anderson will give his official report to the church at the morning services on September 26. The outstanding achievement of the Council was the vote to unite with Evangelical and Reformed Church. Mr. Anderson also represented the churches in Niles, San Leandro, and San Lorenzo.

LODI, FIRST. Some twenty-five delegates and ministers of the Central Association met at the church on June 28 from three to nine o'clock in a most fruitful facing of the world challenge to the church of today. Another meeting was called for September 12. On August 22, the church welcomed to the pulpit Miss Leona Burr, on furlough from Shawu, China. The following day members of the Woman's Association with guests from several other churches were privileged to hear Miss Burr speak again.

CAMPBELL. A handsome silver set was presented to Rev. Robert L. Carlson, who has left for further study at Yale Divinity School, as a combination farewell and wedding gift. The church has called Rev. Corwin H. Olds, former U.S. Army chaplain, who has been associated with the Rev. Laurance Cross at Northbrae Community Church.

BENICIA. The "Community Congregational Church's annual trek to Cazadero" was held late in the spring for the official family of the church. In addition to the informal discussions of such a retreat, a schedule of questions was prepared for a long look at the overall program of the church in all of its aspects. The results of this annual affair have been rewarding.

MODESTO. The Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe begins the work of this new church the middle of September. A Vacation Church School was held August 23-27, the first official event in the building at Orangeburg and College Avenue. At the same time further survey work was carried on by the Student Summer Service team which conducted the vacation school.

MARTINEZ. As part of the observance of the 75th anniversary of the founding of this church, a "Capital Fund" of \$12,000 is being raised this autumn. Seven thousand dollars will be used to repair and decorate the church building and \$5,000 will be put down as first payment on the purchase of a parsonage.

WEAVERVILLE. Rev. William F. Keeney has submitted his resignation, after serving this church for two years. Mr. Keeney has endeared himself to the children and young people of Trinity County with his guitar and folk songs, and has rendered splendid service to the people of this large parish.

PESCADERO. Forty were enrolled in the Vacation Church School conducted by Student Summer Service workers. Parents were enthusiastic and many expressed hope for another school next year. Mr. Robert Crawford has been called to serve as pastor until the end of the year.

SALIDA. Rev. Orval S. Clay has been called to become pastor of this church. He and his family moved into the parsonage in September.



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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

By Mrs. Edwin T. Sherman

There is so much I would like to write about the Federation meeting held August 19 at the First Congregational Church, Oakland. May I urge as many of our women to attend these meetings in person as possible. If you ever hear anyone say the Congregational women are cold just bring them to our Federation meetings. Here you will find world interest, inspiration, and worship.

Here we heard about the General Council of our churches. Among the things Mrs. Raymond Fuller told us were the themes: "Brotherhood—Service to our Brothers"; and "World Hunger for Faith as well as Food," and Dr. Merrill's address when he stressed "Harmony and Christianity" before the Council. Time limited her, but we all had a taste of her rich experiences.

Mrs. A. V. Dunn, who was a former president, was with us. She also told us about these wonderful meetings. She told of a book which she called a "must". It is called "Understanding Our Christian Faith," by Georgia Harkness. She brought greetings from the Congregational women of the State of Washington.

Dr. Augustine Jones gave a most interesting address about the trip he and Mrs. Jones recently made visiting our missionary schools in the south; Tillotson, Toogaloo, Taladega, Dillard, Fisk, and LeMoyne. He spoke of the gains and growth and development of the colored people, of the many men of eminence who now are Ph.D.'s, where during slavery it was against the law even to teach them the A.B.C's. He spoke of how much more money we in California spend for the education of our young people (average \$3400 here and \$450 in the south per year, per pupil).

Miss Lida Houston told us about her work in China, particularly in Foochow, where she is located. She called it The Frontiers of Peace, the challenge of the church today. Never before was so much expected, never before so much needed. The problem of the day is spiritual and man must awake and know that man is his brother's keeper. The security we take for granted, they do not have. They do not yet know each day whether they or their families will be destroyed. In China it is the dream of every student to come to the United States to study. She was interned by the Japanese for eight months, but was treated very well and with consideration. She talked with many Japanese soldiers who were antagonistic to the militarists. Many of them attended church services—Christian Japanese. She said, "Christianity can overcome any barrier of race or political difference." Her mission is the oldest of any denomination in China, 101 years. The Pilgrim Press has a film available on this mission. Children are cared for first, so they are quite healthy. She had charge of three feeding stations for children.

Reports were given of the M.E.M. Conference at Asilomar by Mrs. P. M. Hancher, Mrs. Ludlow, and Mrs. C. Marliave. The greatest enthusiasm was shown by all, with a wish that everyone could attend sometime in the future. The two study books, "On Our Doorstep" and "Forty-eight Plus," were reviewed. Asilomar means "by the sea": it also means

a working laboratory of democracy, all colors and all races. There were twelve different denominations represented, 378 people. They told of some of the big problems among our islands or possessions from the book, "On Our Doorstep." Alaska's greatest problem is liquor. Puerto Rico is so crowded that one can never be out of sight or sound of people. Our soldiers, some of them, have brought prejudice to the Hawaiian Islands. About half of those present had never been to Asilomar before. "China, Twilight or Dawn" by Frank W. Price, tells that one-third of the land of the globe is in China and two-thirds of the people of the world occupy it.

Our Conference office has many films available that are most interesting and informative on these lands we are to study this year. The Theological Seminary at San Anselmo has some fine dioramas of China, made in China, that are excellent. Rev. J. C. Mickle gave three of Dr. James Weldon Johnson's poems for the devotions.

News: Miss Ruth Seabury has a letter in the last number of "Lest We Forget." Miss Helen Kenyon is our new Moderator. We will be seeing her soon. Last year's Women's Gift was \$144,000; \$37,000 more than the year before. It was voted to have our Thank Offering go into the Women's Gift next year, but still call it our "Thank Offering" and for the same fields or projects.

Do not forget the luncheon or dinner for "The Unseen Guest" and increase the Thanksgiving donations to the CWVR. They need it!

The resignation of Mrs. C. L. Jackson as Corresponding Secretary was regretfully accepted. Mrs. Eugene V. Haynes is recovering nicely from her accident. Mrs. Helfer sent greetings and thanks for letter sent her. Special prayers were asked for several meetings that are to be held very soon. The World Council of Churches had a meeting at Amsterdam September 5, and the North American Mission Council at Columbus, Ohio, October 6-8. These will be followed by many local meetings. Besides these meetings the Interdenominational Institute will be held in San Francisco, September 22, First Presbyterian Church, Van Ness and Sacramento streets; Oakland, September 28, First Baptist Church, 21st and Telegraph; Santa Rosa, September 30, Bethlehem Lutheran Church; San Jose, October 1, Calvary Methodist Church; Modesto, October 5, First Christian Church; Chico, October 8 Trinity Methodist Church.

Mrs. Kientz closed the meeting with the following poem:

THANKSGIVING

I do not thank Thee, Lord, that I have bread to eat while others starve;
Nor yet for work to do while empty hands solicit Heaven;
Nor for a body strong while other bodies flatten beds of pain;
No, not for these do I give thanks.

But I am grateful, Lord, because my meager loaf I may divide;
And that my busy hands may move to meet another's need,
Because my doubled strength may expend to steady one who faints.
Yea, for all these do I give thanks.
—Jane Alford.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE OFFICE

A special committee has been appointed by the Board of Directors of the Conference to consider a new location for the Conference office. This group has held four meetings during the summer, but no final decision has been reached. Locations have been under consideration in San Francisco, Oakland, and Berkeley. The members of the committee are Rev. Frank E. Carlson, Mr. Herbert H. Sack, Mr. Charles W. Brock, Rev. Eugene V. Haynes, Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Rev. Philip K. Swartz, Rev. Gail Cleland, William W. Meyer, and Sidney H. Buckham.

Ed Gregory To College Of The Pacific

The Rev. W. Edgar Gregory has resigned his connection as Director of Survey under the Comity Commission of the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches to become Associate Professor of Psychology at the College of the Pacific in Stockton. He will close his work with the Council September 30. Mr. Gregory's outreach has been not only unique but it has captured the imagination of other city councils and the top leaders in the field of survey across the nation. His contribution to our area had hardly begun, thus we regret his decision to leave the work at this time.

CHURCH EXTENSION

Surveys have been made this summer for the Church Extension Committee by members of Student Summer Service teams in Mira Vista district of Richmond and in the Oakland Hill area, near the intersection of Redwood Road and Mountain Boulevard. Allocations for new Congregational churches have been granted by the Comity Commission in Stockton and Merced.

GOOD SPEAKER AVAILABLE

Rev. and Mrs. Augustine Jones returned late in the spring from an extended tour of the south, visiting many of our Congregational colleges. Dr. Jones is full of the fascinating story of the American Missionary Association, and indicates that he will be willing to appear in any of the nearby churches. Invitations should be sent directly to him at 122 Martin Avenue, Palo Alto.

Are You Afflicted?

This disease is peculiar to church members. Have you ever been afflicted with it? The symptoms vary, but it never lasts for more than a few hours, and there is never any need for a physician. It is very contagious, and if too recurrent, it is fatal to the soul.

Here is a typical case history: The patient rises hale and hearty on Sunday and eats a good breakfast. Suddenly the attack hits him, usually around 9 o'clock and it lasts till about noon. However, the attack eases off in order to allow the patient to eat a hearty dinner. The patient is so improved by afternoon that he can go for a drive or even play golf. In the evening he is able to partake of another good meal, appears quite recovered, and suggests that he feels like taking in a movie. The next morning he is entirely back to normal, and continues so all week—until the strange disease strikes again suddenly the next Sunday morning!—Richard Norberg.

THE WORLD NEEDS CHRIST

Nothing less than the spirit of Christian fellowship can save the world, yet needs like these remain unmet: John A. Reuling reports that as he traveled across Africa recently, hundreds of people walked on foot just to be by the road as he passed. At one point, he was stopped by 200 people, the entire population of a little village, who had walked for miles on foot to meet him. Their head man said, "We have heard of the Christ. He is for us. We have chosen this man, who can write a little. Take him and teach him in the ways of Christ, and send him back to us." Mr. Reuling reports that he had to turn them down because the mission school there had turned down more than fifty such men!

At every turn, opportunities open for Our Christian World Mission to move forward. The answer is in our hands, and through the power of Christ working through us. Let us indeed rally to the cause.

—W. W. Meyer.

REV. JOHN A. CULL

Rev. John A. Cull, a former pastor in this Conference, passed away during the month of May. Mr. Cull has served the following churches: Antioch, Richmond (San Francisco), Hayward, and Oakland Boulevard. He retired several years ago and was living in Albany.



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